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SUBJ: THE EMPEROR'S SITUATION -- CONTINUED

REFS: (A) ADDIS 6859; (B) ADDIS 6726; (C) ADDIS 6997

1. WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING FROM TESTED RELIABLE MEDICAL SOURCE WITH DIRECT ACCESS THROUGH AMERICAN MISSION OFFICER INTER-MEDIARY: THE EX-EMPEROR IS "IN SOLITARY." HE WAS HASTILY AND WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTICE REMOVED FROM THE BODYGUARD HOSPITAL (CF REF C) AGAINST THE ADVICE OF HIS PHYSICIANS -- WITH A DRAININGSCATHETER STILL IN PLACE. TENAGNE WORQ IS NO LONGER WITH HIM. HIS PLACE OF DETENTION ON NENELIK HILL IS AN ARMED CAMP SURROUNDED BY TANKS AND (NERVOUS) SOLDIERS. THE EMPEROR WAS "ON PENICILLIN" AND PHYSICALLY DOING WELL (JUNE 14). HOWEVER, HE WAS MAD AS A WET HEN (WHEN SOURCE LAST SAW HIM ON THAT DATE) AND THEREFORE PSYCHOLOGICALLY UNDER STRAIN.

2. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT DIRG MOVED PRECIPITOUSLY TO (A) REGAIN CONTROL OF THE EMPEROR'S PERSON; AND (B) PREEMPT A BODYGUARD FAIT ACCOMPLI (CF REF A). WE READ "SOLITARY" AS PUNISHMENT AND WOULD SPECULATE THAT THE DIRG BELIEVES HE ATTEMPTED WITH SOME SUCCESS TO SUBORN HIS FIRST DIVISION GUARDIANS.

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